

Year 2 Ash and Birch Newsletter – Spring 2



Dear Parents/Carers:

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful half-term.

Key information:

- New spellings and our core homework project have been sent home this week.
- Spelling tests will remain on Tuesdays and start on 28th February
- World Book Day is on Wednesday 1st March 2023
- PE lessons will continue to be on Mondays. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit consisting of **navy jogging bottoms/leggings** and a **plain white** T-shirt or white polo shirt.

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught this half term. Please do have a look on the website at our chronology for further detail.

Our big question this term is 'What are some of the changes that have happened in London?' We will be making links to this throughout our teaching when appropriate.

In **English**, we will be reading *The Sea Monster* by Chris Wormell, *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs* by Giles Andreae and Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen. We will be making predictions, writing character descriptions and writing our own stories.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what has happened in the text to ensure that your child can show understanding and develop their vocabulary. Your child has been given a reading book and library book to take home. Please note that reading books are changed throughout the week so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record on their book change day (this is written on the first page of your reading record). **Ash Class** library books are changed on **Wednesdays** and **Birch class** library books are changed on **Mondays**.





Our **Geography** topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be learning to name and locate the 5 oceans and 7 continents of the world. We will explore the different continents and consider the differences in climates.

Our first **Maths** focus this half term will be Multiplication and Division. We will then move on to Fractions where we will be learning to make equal parts and to find a half, one quarter and a third of a shape and an amount. We will be practising our problem solving and reasoning skills to make sure that the children can apply the mathematical skills we are learning to solve real-life problems. Please support your child by practising their time-telling skills and times tables at home.

In **Science**, our topic will be Materials. We will learn to identify the uses of different everyday materials, compare the suitability of different everyday materials.

In **Music**, the children will continue their drumming lessons on Tuesdays. Our in-class learning will focus on two units, 'Our Land' and 'Seasons'.

Our big question in **Religious Education** this term is: *How do Easter symbols help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?* We will revisit the story of Easter and consider the symbols associated with it.

Please note, **P.E.** will be on **Mondays**.

Our **Art** lessons will be focused on Expressionist artists Claude Van Gogh and Cezanne. We will be exploring colour and brush strokes and will be creating our own paintings inspired by these artists.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about pictograms.

Our **PSHE** topic will be focused on making healthy choices.

As always, many thanks for your continued support and please contact a member of the year team if you have any further questions.

Mrs Rothon, Ms Watterson and Ms Bell.



